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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2006, a reply to which is due December 30, 2006, with a one-month extension of time, please consider the following remarks.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.